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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

**Palmdale City Council Chamber
38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B
Palmdale, CA 93550**

The public meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board was called to order on September 16, 2014 at 9:04 a.m. at the Palmdale City Council Chamber, Palmdale, California.

Members Present: Mr. Dan Richard, Chair
Mr. Tom Richards, Vice-Chair
Mr. Mike Rossi
Ms. Lynn Schenk
Ms. Katherine Perez-Estolano
Mr. Richard Frank
Mr. Patrick Henning
Ms. Thea Selby

Members Absent: Mr. Jim Hartnett, Vice-Chair

Mayor James Ledford led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting; some items were taken out of order to facilitate hearing Action Items first.

Public Comment

An opportunity was made for public comment on all Agenda and Non-Agenda items. Speakers commented on a variety of topics.

Agenda Item #1- Consider Approval of Board Minutes from August 12 Board Meeting

Moved by Mr. Rossi. Ms. Schenk seconded the motion. The Meeting Minutes were approved (8-0) with one edit as agreed upon.

Agenda Item #2- Presentation on the City of Palmdale's Planning Efforts

Palmdale Mayor Ledford addressed the Board regarding Palmdale's planning efforts.

Agenda Item #3- Status Update on the XpressWest Project

Andrew Mack of XpressWest presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered.

Agenda Item #7- Consider Releasing a Request for Qualifications for Regional Consultant Services for the Burbank to Los Angeles/Anaheim Corridor

Michelle Boehm presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered. Moved by Mr. Henning. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rossi. Resolution #HSRA 14-25 was approved 8-0.

Agenda Item #8- Consider Making Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 51292 (Agricultural Preserve/ Williamson Act) for High-Speed Rail-Related Improvement Locations in Fresno County (CP 1C and part of CP 2-3)

Tom Fellenz presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered. Moved by Vice-Chair Tom Richards. The motion was seconded by Mr. Frank. Resolution #HSRA 14-26 was approved 8-0.

Agenda Item #9- Consider Providing Authorization to Negotiate and Bind Excess Liability Umbrella Insurance Policies

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

Agenda Item #10- Consider Awarding Contracts for Right of Way Support Services

Tom Fellenz presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered. Moved by Ms. Perez-Estolano. The motion was seconded by Ms. Selby. Resolution #HSRA 14-28 was approved 7-0 with two amendments.

Agenda Item #4- Status Update on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Regional Program

Mr. Sepulveda presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered.

Agenda Item #5- Report on Recent Scoping Meetings for the Palmdale to Burbank and Burbank to Los Angeles Project Sections

Michelle Boehm presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered.

Agenda Item #6- Status Updates on the Los Angeles to Anaheim and Los Angeles to San Diego Project Sections

Michelle Boehm presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered.

Agenda Item #11- Closed Session Pertaining to Litigation

The Board entered into Closed Session, adjourning in honor of the late Senator John Foran; long-time Chair of the California State Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

The Board Returned from Closed Session and having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.